

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox

Christmas parades and throwing candy to the onlookers is a long standing tradition in Elba, Alabama . . . a combination that would upset a large segment of the public if it were to be stopped. However every year we anguish over the candy left lying on or beside the roads following the event. This year was so bad it was embarrassing. We picked up some Saturday night and gave it to children. Then riding around town after the crowds went home it was shocking to see what appeared to be ogle of candy lying around. A quick walk along the streets Sunday confirmed our original discovery to a point it is almost a wasteful sin. All the talk across the nation about money being extremely tight, etc. does not apply to the parade watchers in Elba on December 8th, 2007. Otherwise there would have been far less candy cluttering the pavement. Even after the street sweeper made early rounds Monday morning there was more than the normal amount of candy on or near the roads. Shame, shame . . . yet is the shame on those throwing the free goodies or those without the motivation to pick it up? Maybe it is because this being the land of plenty for so long we don't appreciate (or maybe don't realize) what a blessing it is to live in America.

Mayor James Grimes was sitting in victory lane Monday finally receiving the necessary Riverview subdivision property deeds from the federal government (FEMA) to allow the Alabama highway department to move forward with the four-lane work on U. S. 84. He didn't have time for us to make a picture of him holding the deeds until they had been recorded in the local courthouse. Don't expect to see road graders moving up and down the right-of-ways anytime soon. First the highway department folks will tell you they are out of money and need more cash (taxes). Then when pressured they will add that the Atlanta engineering firm originally hired for that segment of the project still has not produced workable plans for a bid letting on the project. It was lawyers, lawyers, lawyers while dealing with FEMA on the property deeds and guess what . . . it is now lawyers, lawyers, lawyers in dealing with the engineering problem.

Oprah Winfrey is on the campaign trail with Senator Barack Obama in his bid for the White House. She will draw a crowd to the political rallies but most will be there to see her. It will be hard to turn those attendees into votes. However someone is worried about Obama's chances. That opinion is based on the e-mail messages received at this desk. All sorts of wild claims are made about Obama's beliefs, opinions and actions. Some may be true but you can bet money most are made up tales . . . unprovable but also untraceable to their origins. Our reaction is to delete them and move on.

Mitt Romney is Mormon and that is fodder for many people to oppose his presidential efforts. Our opinion is in the other direction. Throughout life we have known some great people - Mormons. We shared a room with one in the military. His dad was an elder in the Mormon church. Not once did he (or any others we have met in our church) do anything that would have offended members of any Elba church. In fact his actions made good examples for other Christians.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 3, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for fugitive from justice, two for possession of marijuana, three for public intoxication, one for theft of property, one for theft of lost property, one for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for a private property accident, one for assault, one for theft and one for an unattended natural death.

The following arrests were made: one for fugitive from justice, two for possession of marijuana, three for public intoxication, one on a parole violation warrant, one on a failure to pay, one for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, two for a suspended driver's license, one for violation of the seat belt law, one for running a stop sign, one for a revoked driver's license and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 397 County Rd. 342 (8:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 87 N. (3:51 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Rd. (11:10 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire (3:30 p.m.); Coffee

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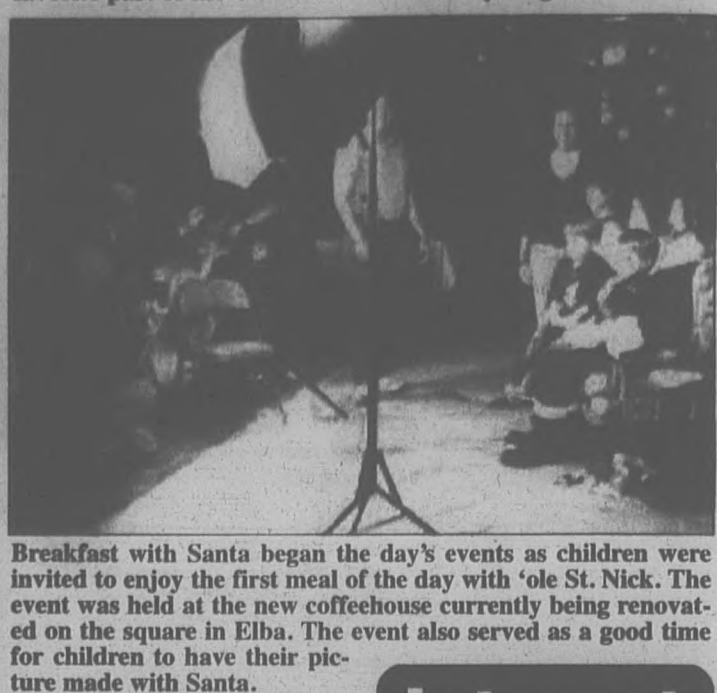
Scenes from the 20th Annual Elba Christmas Festival



Children enjoy storytime with Mrs. Claus



Train rides aboard the Southern Express always seem to be a favorite part of the Christmas Festival for youngsters.



Elba Chamber of Commerce board members presented a short play entitled "Feels Like Christmas." Above, board members Lynn Baker and Denise Sauls act their part from a scene of the play as fellow board member Linda Hodge watches from the background. Hodge wrote the play and also served as narrator.

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Obituaries

Dear Sir,

Today has been very upsetting for my family. I visited my Daddy's grave today at Danley Cross Roads, only to find someone had stolen Christmas flow-

ers I had put on his grave less than three weeks ago.

To whomsoever: No one has an answer as to why someone would do this. My father died six years ago, but to me it's like yesterday. I wanted him to have a good Christmas too. If you're doing this for fun, remember, one day you will answer for your deeds.

Thank you,
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MARY IRENE (PARKER) DOROUGH

Mrs. Mary Irene (Parker) Dorrough, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at her home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2007 at First Baptist Church of Elba with Reverend Mack King officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Sylvia (husband Tony) Hudson, Troy, Ala.; one son: Thomas E. (wife Becky) Dorrough, Tupelo, Miss.; three sisters: Martha Watkins, Middleburg, Fla.; Barbara Sue Parker, Elba, Bettie Gainer, Winder, Ga.; one brother: Roger Parker, Laverne, Ala.; granddaughters: Michelle Dorrough, Memphis, Tenn.; Kimberly Brazzel, Tupelo, Christina Dorrough, Florence, Ala.; one grandson: Troy Hudson, Troy; and one great-grandson: Andrew Parker Brazzel, Tupelo.

HENRY CLINTON (FOOTS) McDANIEL

Mr. Henry Clinton (Foots) McDaniel, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2007 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Fred Fowler and Rev. Milford Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Church

Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. McDaniel was preceded in death by two sons, George Franklin McDaniel and Jeffery Zane McDaniel; and two sisters, Mazell Lee and Robbie McDaniel.

Survivors include his wife: Elsie Dell McDaniel, Elba; daughter: Bonita Destin, Destin, Fla.; step son: Rudy Joe (wife Sarah) Williams, Leeds, Ala.; two sons: Dennis Robin (wife Vanessa) McDaniel, Cullman, Ala.; Anthony "Tony" Dale (wife Miki) McDaniel, Troy, Ala.; two brothers: D.J. McDaniel, Elba, Barnett McDaniel, Lakeland, Fla.; two granddaughters: Lara Bice, Cullman, Kristin Destin, Destin, Fla.; and two step-granddaughters: Kimberly Nielsen and Jessica Williams, both of Birmingham, Ala.

JOEL BECK

SGT. Joel Beck, age 68, of Eufaula, Ala., formerly of Coffee County, Ala., died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at his home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 2007 at Chapman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bobby Hines officiating. Burial followed in the Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery with military honors with Chapman Funeral Home of Eufaula directing.

Survivors include his wife: Charlotte Ann Beck, Eufaula; nine children: Denise Beck

(Tom) Crowell, Laverne, Ala.; Timothy Joel (Linda) Beck, Brantley, Ala.; SFC Ricky Earl Tillis; four sisters: Tammy Carol Beck, Eufaula; Steve (Alisa) Stapleton, Pearl, Miss.; Brad (Sylvia) Stapleton, Clifton (Stacey) Stapleton, Bruce (Kathy) Stapleton, all of Collins, Miss.; Troyanne (Bill) Parham, Villa Rica, Ga.; two brothers: Milan (Mary) Beck, Clio, Ala.; Robert (Wanda) Beck, Opp, Ala.; 22 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his mother and father: Marie and Bufus Tillis; four sisters: Tammy Tillis, Elba, Doris Coleman; Stuart, Fla.; Tina Green, Opp, Ala.; and Ann (Lamar) Lane, Gary, Ind.; four brothers: Tim Tillis and Bufus (Barbara) Tillis, Elba, Melvin Tillis and Willie C. (Ann) Tillis, Opp, Ala.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home.

LOIS HUDSON

Mrs. Lois Hudson, age 89, a life long resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at the Elba Nursing Home.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home.

NAPOLEON TILLIS

Mr. Napoleon Tillis, age 41, of Dothan, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, with Rev. Darryl Caldwell officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

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The immigrant was Enrico Fermi, winner of the 1938 Nobel Prize in physics. He had immigrated to the United States in 1938 without first returning home from the Nobel Awards ceremony in Sweden, as his native Italy had become a fascist dictatorship under Benito Mussolini. Fermi had sufficient concerns about continuing to work in such an environment that he and his family decided to flee.

Waiting for him on the squash court were the members of his research team, scientists with whom he had worked since arriving in Chicago early in 1938. Located underneath the stands of Stagg Field (named for the school's legendary football coach Amos Alonzo Stagg), the squash court was a windowless, thirty by sixty foot room. Today, they had assembled for the final test of an experiment that had the potential to change the course of World War II. If their day were successful, this small group of scientists would unleash the power of the atom by creating the world's first controlled nuclear reaction. Research into the atom's power began in the mid-1930s. In 1939, Albert Einstein wrote to President Franklin Roosevelt urging that the United States make controlling nuclear energy its highest priority. At the time, Einstein had learned that German scientists were making significant advances in understanding nuclear technology, and he feared that Germany might develop a nuclear weapon.

Russian economist Alexander Sachs had delivered Einstein's letter to the President on October 11, 1939. He also delivered his own letter, in which he offered his services to the President. The effect was immediate, and Roosevelt began assembling the nation's leading scientists to work on developing nuclear technology. These scientists eventually formed the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb.

Among the scientists present at the University of Chicago that day (in addition to Fermi), included Leo Szilard, Arthur Compton and a single

Woman, Leona Marshall. Working throughout the day with a short break for lunch, they achieved their objective at approximately 3:30 P.M. local time. Quietly, and with little fanfare the world became a different place.

Less than three years later, the significance of their accomplishment became public knowledge with a shattering announcement by President Harry S. Truman. The United States decided to use the atomic bomb against Japan. Dropped on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945 and on Nagasaki three days later, the bomb's destructive force quickly convinced the Japanese to surrender. World War II was over.

Find out more about the events on that cold day in December 1942, and the race to build an atomic bomb. Take The Web Journey.

Next Week: Medicine Man Killed Resisting Arrest

Stagg Field University of Chicago. Courtesy of the University of Chicago Archives.

THE WEB JOURNEY

The First Pilot Nuclear Files A-Bomb WWW Museum

Hosted as part of the Hiroshima Peace Institute, this resource examines the effects of the American decision to drop an atomic bomb in Japan. Included are photographs and first-person accounts of the August 1945 events in Hiroshima.

Written by and Corbin Allardice and Edward Trappell, this resource tells the story of December 2, 1942 and the months of work beforehand. The day's events are detailed almost minute by minute from 8:30 A.M. until the late afternoon success.

This resource is a project of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. It includes primary source documents concerning the early development of nuclear energy, biographies of scientists, policy makers and others, as well as a timeline of major developments.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ESTATE OF JAYE M. SPURLIN, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC-07-058

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 27th day of November, 2007, by the Hon. William Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Joe A. Spurlin
/s/ Patsy S. Hines
/s/ Gln Faith
Personal Representatives
11/29, 12/6, 13-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

REGIONS BANK, a state banking association, Plaintiff,

v. DEBORAH WEAVER and DAVID CARTIS BURROW Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CV-2006-105

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK

Under and by virtue of the provisions of that certain decree made and entered in the Circuit Court of Coffee County (Elba Division), Alabama, on the 29th day of October, 2007, in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will proceed to sell at the Front Door of the Courthouse of Coffee County, Alabama, in the City of Elba, on the 24th day of January, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in the County of Coffee State of Alabama, to wit:

One lot of land known as Lot No. 4 on the West side of Lake Ridgeway and better described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot No. 3 and running in an East-Northeast direction along the South side of Lot No. 3, 147 feet to Waters Edge of Lake Ridgeway and thence running 100 feet to the waters edge in a Southwesterly direction 100 feet, thence in a Westerly direction 140 feet to the East side of road on West side of Lake Ridgeway, thence along the East side of said road in a Northern direction 140 feet to a point of beginning, being in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, TP 5 S, Range 20.

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WITNESS my hand this 3rd day of Dec., 2007

/s/ James M. Counts
James M. Counts, Clerk
Circuit Court of Coffee County (Elba Division), Alabama

12/6, 13, 20, 27-chg.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

Please take notice that Linda Kitchens whose address is 20285 Hwy. 189, Elba, AL will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, or otherwise dispose of, an abandoned motor vehicle. The vehicle was abandoned on the property of Linda Kitchens approximately Nov. 2008 and the name and/or residence of the owner is unknown. The vehicle is a Toyota 4X4 and the serial number is 4TARN13P8P2117979 and the motor year is 1992. The license plate displayed on the vehicle is expired.

The sale will be held at 20285 Hwy. 189, Elba on or after 10:00 AM on 21 December 2007. The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public sale until another specified time and place. In addition, the Seller expressly reserves the

right to bid and purchase at the public sale or otherwise dispose of the vehicle. 12/15, 20-tp

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of those certain mortgages executed by KEVIN J. SHEETS and ASHLEY SHEETS to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on January 25, 2002, April 26, 2002, and June 4, 2003; being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Pike County, Alabama in Mortgage Book 484, Page 521, Mortgage Book 489, Page 319, and Mortgage Book 511, Page 374, respectively; and being further recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR Book 59A, Page 710, A/OFFR Book 62A, Page 124, and A/OFFR Book 72A, Page 766, respectively, said Mortgagees to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 17th day of January, 2008, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Pike County, Alabama, under the powers contained in said mortgages, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

PARCEL ONE - PIKE COUNTY PROPERTY One house and lot beginning at the intersection of the east line of the West half of the NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 21 East, and the north right of way of the Springhill Whitewater Road; thence North 210.0 feet; thence North 57 degrees East along the north line of said road 210.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.0 acre, more or less. Lying and being situated in the West half of the Northeast quarter, Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 21 East, Pike County, Alabama.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz girls came back home for the holidays this week and while they both used the time off from college to get in some extra sleep, when they were awake they were in the mood to head out and do some Christmas shopping. I'll admit I saved a little grocery and extra spending money with them both at home. However, the trips to the malls and other stores more than made up for the savings and left Daddy's billfold a little flat.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 2-4 last week with a road loss to Highland Home, and with nothing but quality opponents on the schedule through the holidays it looks like the Tigers will have to do a lot of the job training if they hope to put everything together before the area schedule opens in January. Coach Johnson's Tigers returned most of their team from a year ago and were hoping to get off to fast start. However, nagging football injuries and a lack of practice time has taken its toll, and it may very well be late-December before the team gets the chance to work on the little things it takes to win in close games.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers evened its record at 3-3 last week and have been a pleasant surprise for Coach Peacock and their fans. The Lady Tigers weren't expected to log a lot of wins this season due to the loss of a couple of key players from a year ago, but the Elba girls have worked hard to get better and the hard work has already paid dividends. There are no easy wins to be found on the schedule. However, I have a hunch the Lady Tigers like it that way as they keep working and playing to improve each and every game.

*** A look around the area finds more of the same among the boys as Brantley and New Brockton have made strides to be winning teams, while Kinston is improving daily and should be very competitive as the season progresses and Zion Chapel is still looking for a spark to lift the Rebels out of their long losing streak. Over on the girls side of the ledger, Brantley is undefeated in early-season action and is easily at the head of the class, while Kinston grabbed a big win last week and is getting better, while New Brockton and Zion Chapel are looking for the right combination. It is still too early to tell, but it looks like an exciting season ahead for all area basketball fans.

*** Changing sports... Elba Tiger head football coach Scott Rials gave me a copy of the Tigers' football schedule for next season and the move to Class 2A brought with it a major overhaul. Elba will open the season on the road against Opp, then will swing into region play with a road trip to Cottonwood and home games against Barbour County and G.W. Long. A non-region home game against Geneva will come in week number five, then it will be back to the region wars as the Tigers travel to New Brockton, host Houston Academy and Samson, and close out region play on the road against Houston County. The Tigers will then close out the regular season with their first-ever visit to Zion Chapel. Gone from the schedule are such long time rivals as Brantley and Straughn, but keeping Opp on the schedule keeps an old rivalry alive and well, while the addition of Zion Chapel should add lots of noise among the players and students from both schools.

*** The "South" rose again in the high school football playoffs last week as all six teams that competed in the southern division of the bracket took home state championships. Sweet Water (1A), Leroy (2A) and Prattville (6A) all repeated as state champs, while Cordova (3A), Tuscaloosa Central (4A) and St. Paul's (5A) all claimed the titles in their respective classes. I'll admit Tuscaloosa Central and Cordova aren't really in South Alabama, but this year they are and they helped the South rise again!

*** In closing... area basketball fans need to try and watch Enterprise High School play this season just to get the chance to watch Rhett Harrelson. Harrelson, only an eighth-grader, leads the 6A Wildcats in scoring and can do anything with the ball he needs to do. The youngster is without a doubt one of the best players in the area, and as he grows up on the court he may very well become one of the best ever. I have talked to coaches that already compare his skills to those of Pete Maravich, and that is saying a lot.

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Elba Junior High Tigers claim six straight wins

The Elba Junior High Tigers have been busy in recent weeks on the basketball court and have also been highly successful as they have rolled to six straight wins.

Following are highlights of recent action:

ELBA 44 SAMSON 37

The Elba Junior High Tigers broke loose in the final stanza to rally past Samson 44-37. The Tigers trailed 33-29 after three quarters of play, but outscored Samson 15-4 in the final period to pull out the exciting win. Devante Maryland scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Tyler Anderson added 8.

Elba (44): Carnley 6, Kelley 2, Anderson 8, Wright 4, Maryland 15, Rogers 5, Williams 2, Amison 2, Samson (37): Dean 4, Jackson 2, Russell 12, Williams 9, Holmes 10.

ELBA 44 N.B. 34

The Elba Junior High Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat the New Brockton Junior High Gamecocks 44-34. The Tigers jumped out to an early 13-4 lead and carried a 35-20 lead into the final stanza, but had to battle back a late Gamecock rally to hold on and claim the win. Jeffery Wright scored 10 points and Devante Maryland added 9 to lead the Tigers.

Elba (44): Carnley 3, Kelley 2, Anderson 8, Cole 2, Wright 10, Maryland 9, Rogers 8, Amison 2.

N.B. (34): Boop 2, Carpenter, 6, Green 12, Turner 8, Bryant 4, McGill 2.

ELBA 41 OPP 24

The Elba Junior High Tigers pulled ahead early and turned back a late rally to ease past the Opp Middle School Bobcats 41-34. The Tigers took command early and owned a big 30-15 halftime lead, but saw the Bobcats stage a second-half rally and had to battle until the final buzzer to claim the win. Jeffery Wright and Devante Maryland both scored 10 points to lead the Tigers.

Elba (41): Carnley 5,

Belcher, Tyson and Hudson lead defensive stats for '07 Elba Tigers

Elba High School released its official defensive statistics for the 2007 high school football season last week with the trio of Trey Belcher, Dimetrio Tyson and Bobby Hudson leading the charge for the Tigers.

Belcher, a linebacker, made 57 solo tackles and had 23 assists to record a total of 80 stops, while Tyson, a defensive end, made 53 solo tackles and had 24 assists to follow with 77 stops. Hudson, a free safety, made 54 solo tackles and had 15 assists to close the season with 69 stops.

Gavin Respress and Justin Hammonds had 4 interceptions apiece to lead the Tigers, while Dakell Berry, Sandarius Reed, Andrew Head, Dimetrio Tyson, Tramound Craighead and Bobby Hudson all had 1 pass interception.

Demetrio Tyson and Sandarius Reed both had 2 fumble recoveries to lead Elba, while making 1 recovery were Jordan Bryant, Justin Hammonds, Carlos Matias, Dakell Berry, Cameron Rodgers and Andrew Head.

Demetrio Tyson recorded 4 sacks to lead the Tigers defense,

Anderson 8, Wright 10, Maryland 10, Rogers 8, Opp (34): Bucklew 2, Davis 2, Finedore 7, Marler 7, Parks 5, Nixon 11.

ELBA 45 GENEVA 36

The Elba Junior High Tigers gained revenge for their only loss of the season as they defeat the Geneva Junior High Panthers 45-36. The Tigers jumped out to an early 14-3 lead to take command, stretched their lead to 31-12 by the end of the half, and coasted over the final two quarters to claim the big win. Devante Maryland scored 15 points and Jake Carnley added 12 to lead the Tigers.

Elba (45): Carnley 12, Anderson 6, Cole 2, Wright 8, Maryland 15, Rogers 2, Geneva (36): J. McIntyre 10, Swinton 2, Hall 2, Meadows 2, Carnley 8, T. McIntyre 12.

ELBA 25 OPP 22

The Elba Junior High Tigers had to battle until the final buzzer to slip past the Opp Middle School Bobcats 25-22. The Tigers held a slim 13-12 lead at the half, but upped their lead to 21-16 in the third quarter and held on late to claim the low-scoring win. Tyler Anderson and Donta Rogers both scored 6 points to lead the Tigers.

Elba (25): Carnley 4, Anderson 6, Wright 5, Maryland 2, Rogers 6, Griffin 2, Opp (22): Davis 1, Finedore 2, Minor 14, Elmore 2, Nixon 3.

ELBA 41 FLEETA 13

The Elba Junior High Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back in an easy 41-13 win over the Fleeta Junior High Falcons. The Tigers jumped out to a lopsided 26-4 halftime lead and coasted to the easy win. Saegre Kelley scored 11 points to lead the Tigers, while Harry Griffin added 8.

Elba (41): Carnley 3, Kelley 11, Cole 1, Wright 4, Johnson 4, Rogers 2, James 4, Amison 4, Griffin 8.

Fleeta (13): Cody W. 2, Andrew R. 4, Hector R. 1, Dylan Z. 2, Michael S. 2, Levi J. 2.



Elba Tiger Bobby Hudson (3) gets inside a defender for a basket in recent high school basketball action. The Tigers lost to Highland Home last week 74-55 to fail to 2-4 on the season.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Elba Tigers outscored by Highland Home 74-55

The Elba Tigers traveled to Highland Home Thursday night and came home after absorbing a 74-55 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Alzamour Wallace scored 20

points to lead Highland Home, while Anthony Merriweather added 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Randy McGough added 10 points for the (2-2) Flying Squadron.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 13

Elba, in Andalusia Tournament
New Brockton, in Andalusia Tournament
Kinston at Arton (JV-VG-VB) 5:00
Zion Chapel Jr. at Elba Jr. (8G-8B) 4:30

Friday, December 14

Elba, in Andalusia Tournament
New Brockton, in Andalusia Tournament
Zion Chapel at Geneva County (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Saturday, December 15

Elba, in Andalusia Tournament
New Brockton, in Andalusia Tournament

Tuesday, December 18

Brantley at Elba (JV-VG-VB) 4:30
Kinston at New Brockton (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Thursday, December 20

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High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

VARSITY BOYS

New Brockton falls to Straughn 45-38

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Straughn last Thursday night and had a hard time finding their way to the basket in a 45-38 loss to the Tigers. Shambay Johnson scored 21 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Trevor Driver led the Tigers with 15 points.

Brantley Bulldogs outscore Red Level 82-79

The Brantley Bulldogs hosted the Red Level Tigers last Thursday night and claimed a wild 82-79 win. Wesley Person scored 29 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Dexter Daniels added 22. D.J. Sankey led the Tigers with 22 points and 9 assists, while Cale Nolin added 19 points.

Kinston Bulldogs caged by H.A. Raiders 58-54

The Kinston Bulldogs battled until the final whistle Friday night in a 58-54 loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Matt Whigham scored 23 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Hunter Anderson added 10. David Gannon scored 16 points and Jo-el Bennet added 13 for the Raiders.

Brantley Bulldogs knock off Georgiana 54-52

The Brantley Bulldogs improved their record to 3-1 Friday night with an exciting 54-52 win over the Georgiana Panthers. Devontae Porter and Wesley Person both scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Dexter Daniels added 10. Jamie Williams led the Panthers with 22 points.

VARSITY GIRLS

Lady Gamecocks clawed by Lady Tigers 60-18

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered last week in a 60-18 loss to the Straughn Lady Tigers. Abby Dunaway scored 8 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Andrea Sport led the Lady Tigers with 23 points.

Lady Bulldogs roll past Red Level 58-28

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs remained on an early-season roll with an easy 58-28 win over the Red Level Lady Tigers. Sherry Gulley scored 15 points to keep the Lady Bulldogs undefeated, while Elisha Person and Caroline Allen both added 10 points.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs edge Raiders 41-33

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs grabbed a big win on the road Friday night by rolling past the Houston Academy Lady Raiders 41-33. Deanna Manning scored 16 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Ashley McCall and Casey Dean added 9 and 8 points, respectively. Rachel Purvis led the Lady Raiders with 10 points.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs blast Georgiana 52-37

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs upped their record to 7-0 Friday night with an impressive 52-37 win over the Georgiana Lady Panthers. Sherry Gulley scored 28 points, handed out 5 assists and had 5 steals to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Taronada Randall added 7 points, pulled down 15 rebounds and blocked 8 shots.

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Kinston Bulldog Aaron Jacobs (4) drives to the basket in recent high school basketball action. The Bulldogs dropped a narrow decision last week to Houston Academy.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Whitney Rugg attends Jennie Finch Softball Camp in Florida



Whitney Rugg attended Olympic gold medalist Jennie Finch's softball camp Friday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 2, in Orlando, Fla. On Friday night, Whitney got to meet Jennie and fellow Olympians Crystl Bustos, Mackenzie Vandergest, Laura Burg, Natasha Watley and Toni Mascarenas at The Red Coconut on Universal Studio's City Walk. On Saturday, Whitney participated in many activities with each Olympic player. Doug Finch, Jennie's dad, walked everyone through Jennie's pitching technique and each of her different pitches. Jennie put on a pitching demonstration, and Crystl Bustos put on a hitting demonstration. On Sunday, Whitney received autographs and photos from each Olympian, as well as, a certificate for participating in the Jennie Finch Camp. Whitney is the daughter of Richie and Amy Rugg and is a student at Zion Chapel Middle School.

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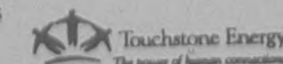
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THE ELBA CLIPPER - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

Southeast Alabama Regional Commission elects 2008 board members and officers

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (SEARP&DC) announces the election of the board's new 2008 officers.

SEARP&DC is governed by a 42 member board that consists of 6 members from each of the seven counties served by the Commission. These seven

southeastern Alabama counties consist of Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston. Chairman of this newly elected Board of Directors is Coffee County Commissioner Robert Stephens. First Vice Chairman is Daleville Mayor Wes Etheredge and Second Vice Chairman is Houston County's

Commission Chairman, Mark Culver. The new Secretary/Treasurer is Geneva County Commissioner Gary Shields.

Coffee county members of the Commission's Board are:

(Continued from Page One)

HABITAT HOUSE (Continued)

'Katie's house' will be as much of a blessing to the Farlow home as Katie was to all of us who knew and loved her." During the dedication ceremony, Katie's family presented the Farlow family with a Bible. Inside, there was a photograph

of Katie.

Following the Bible presentation, keys to the home were given to the Farlow family. Family members said they just want to say "thank you to every one for helping build this home."

the art of it is to take raw talent and polish it. He added that houndmen are always looking for the better breed of dog.

Through the years, Davis said dog hunting has moved to enclosures. One reason is to keep the dogs from going on private property while another reason, and most likely a bigger reason, is to keep the dogs safe from outside harm.

Davis said a lot of people believe the coyotes are turned loose and the dogs are set on them immediately. He said this also is a misrepresentation.

The wild game, such as the coyotes, live in the enclosures. Davis said the enclosures generally are 300-1,000 acres of land. He said the hunters take very good care of the animals while they are in the enclosure. He said they even feed these animals, which many consider to be a nuisance.

Davis said the hunters regulate themselves to prevent the kill. According to Tommy Gibson,

the hunters do not want their dogs to catch and kill the animals. If the animal is caught, the dog can never run it again. He said that defeats the purpose. At field trials, Davis said the hunters even take extra measures to save the coyote.

Davis said the sport drives him. He is constantly working to train the better dog. But, if a change is not made in the law, he said he worries the sport will diminish, and the only purpose of the dog will be as a pet.

Davis said the Organization of Ethical Game Laws has set up a fund to accept donations for their cause. The money can be donated at Covington County Bank in Opp, Ala.

Davis said the hunters want laws to help regulate the sport. He said they want to be licensed to make the sport better. They are simply looking to officials for help in the matter by asking them to follow suit with surrounding states before this pastime is just that - a thing of the past.

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In Memory of Carlton Reeves

He left us November 6, 2007

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights, like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear. For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear. But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing. I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear and be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above. I sent you each memory of my undying love. After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told. Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do. For I can't count the blessings of love he has for each of you.

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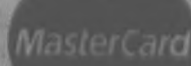


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Elba's Christmas Family for 2007 is the Mike and Starla Amison family. The boys are Kenneth Neil, age 9 and Jon Ashley, age 13. The pets are Rocky, the Greyhound, age 4 and Brody, the Cocker Spaniel, age 2. Brody has been in the family for years but Rocky, who is a retired racing hound, joined just a few weeks ago. He was adopted in Birmingham after a racing career in Tennessee.